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LETTER DATED 7 NOVEMBER 1995 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that, during the period from 21 to 31 October 1995, United States aircraft continued to violate Iraqi national airspace for the purpose of surveillance and provocation.

21 October 1995

1. Southern region: 73 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Chabaish, Qurnah and Busayyah.

2. On 21 October 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace over the southern region, as follows:

The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 0920 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1125 hours.

The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1205 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1405 hours.

22 October 1995

1. Southern region: 72 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qurnah, Chabaish, Salman, Busayyah, Jalibah and Artawi.

2. On 22 October 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace over the southern region, as follows:

The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1000 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1200 hours.

The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1300 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1455 hours.

23 October 1995

1. Northern region: 16 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes over Mosul, Dohuk, Zakho and Amadiyah.

2. Southern region: 32 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Jalibah, Artawi, Busayyah and Shanafiyah.

24 October 1995

1. Northern region: 12 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes over Zakho, Mosul, Aqrah, Dohuk, Ayn Zalah and Amadiyah.

2. Southern region: 56 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Artawi, Busayyah, Jalibah and Chabaish.

3. At 0930 hours on 24 October 1995, a hostile formation broke the sound barrier over the Basra area.

25 October 1995

1. Northern region: 14 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

2. Southern region: [illegible] sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Chabaish, Salman, Busayyah, Jalibah and Artawi.

3. On 25 October 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace over the southern region, as follows:

The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 0928 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1052 hours.

The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1000 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1220 hours.

4. At 0722 hours on 25 October 1995, a hostile formation broke the sound barrier over the Chabaish area.

26 October 1995

1. Northern region: 21 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes over Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho and Amadiyah.

2. Southern region: 42 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qal'at Salih, Qurnah, Artawi and Busayyah.

3. On 26 October 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace over the southern region, as follows:

The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 0910 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1100 hours.

The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1200 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1353 hours.

27 October 1995

1. Northern region: 11 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes over Mosul, Dohuk, Irbil, Aqrah, Rawandoz and Amadiyah.

2. Southern region: 53 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Chabaish, Qurnah, Jalibah and Busayyah.

28 October 1995

1. Northern region: 7 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes over Zakho, Irbil, Mosul, Dohuk, Amadiyah and Aqrah.

2. Southern region: 62 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Chabaish, Artawi, Shu'aybah, Busayyah, Qurnah and Salman.

3. At 1410 hours on 28 October 1995, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace over the southern region and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1443 hours.

29 October 1995

1. Southern region: 36 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Artawi, Jalibah and Busayyah.

2. On 29 October 1995, two United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft flying at a speed of 600 kilometres per hour and at an altitude of 20,000 metres violated Iraqi airspace over the southern region, as follows:

The first flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1005 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1130 hours.

The second flight entered Iraqi airspace at 1310 hours and left in the direction of Kuwait at 1345 hours.

30 October 1995

1. Southern region: 38 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes over Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qal'at Salih, Qurnah, Jalibah, Artawi and Busayyah.

31 October 1995

1. Southern region: 44 sorties, flown at speeds of 600 to 900 kilometres per hour and at medium altitudes over Qurnah, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Busayyah, Jalibah and Artawi.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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